

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 September 13

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Perhaps the most enduring image of God's uniqueness is found in Jesus' classic parable of the prodigal father. But we can only appreciate the father's outside-the-envelope behavior when we compare it with the logical reaction of his older son.

The man's reluctance to join in celebrating his lot, philandering brother's return makes perfect sense. Once his father gave his younger son his inheritance, whatever remained belonged to the older son. The father's spontaneous, prodigal generosity comes at this expense. The "finest robe...the ring on his finer and sandals on his feet" are part of the elder son's inheritance, not to mention the "fattened calf." No wonder he's uptight. He has kept all the rules, done the right things, always carried out his father's wishes, yet he's still expected to pay for his brother's sins.

How do we deal with a God whose only goal is to bring life to others, especially when God's passion for another's life crowds into our own? Listen carefully to how our parable father responds to his older son's objections. "My son, you are here with me always, and everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again, he was lost and has been found."

Here Jesus is telling his followers that as long as they are on their own paths to life, they shouldn't resent or object to the different ways in which others discover and walk their paths. Jesus demands love from his imitators, not strict justice.

This Sunday we officially celebrate the opening of Transfiguration School's academic year with a special Mass at 10:00 AM followed by an Open House in the school. Please do remember that we have a parochial school and that we need to support it, not only financially, but also spreading the news of how great it is!

Blessings on your week!

Father Michael Tang

Important Message Regarding Anointing of Sick

In order to comply with the wishes of **ALL** families needing anointing for their loved one (s), it is requested that a call be made to the rectory **ONLY** by an immediate family member. This will eliminate confusion and insure that we are respecting the wishes of the family. **Also please do not wait until the last minute. A priest may not be available.** Please adhere to this directive and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday September 15

Catechetical Sunday

Open House & Bake Sale-hall

10AM School Mass

12 PM Ladies Auxiliary Mtg.-PCRm

2 PM Reserve Corps of St. Michael-church

Monday September 16

7 PM Bible Study-hall

Wednesday September 18

6 PM Line Dancing-hall

6:30 PM CCL

Thursday September 19

7 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday September 20

9:30 AM – 1:30 PM ACCW District Mtg.-hall

3 PM School Taco Sale-hall

Saturday September 21

10 AM Cherrywood/Leimert Mtg.-hall

1 PM St. Vincent DePaul Mtg.-hall

Sunday September 22

10:30 –11 AM Religious Ed Parents Mtg.

2 PM Religious Ed Confirmation Parents Mtg.-hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 14

5:15 PM Soul of Jeroline Richards

Sunday September 15

8:00 AM Soul of Reginald Arceneaux

10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

12:15 PM Soul of Bernadine Adams

Thursday September 19

8:00 AM Intention of Roger Cusumano

Saturday September 21

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday September 22

8:00 AM Soul of Karen Lee

10:00 AM Intention of Daisy Pratt

12:15 PM Souls of Theodore Leon, Junior & Senior



If you wish to offer a Mass for someone please stop by the rectory. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to Mr. Carl Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Wiley Pugh and Mrs. Mable Walton for paper donations.

Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper.
Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

Catechetical Sunday

RESERVE CORPS OF ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 2:00 PM

Join us for prayer in the church.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that all Catholic school personnel in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are screened for their ability to work safely with children, are provided information and training to help them recognize and deal with issues of child sexual abuse and are offered guidance and instruction on appropriate professional conduct with students? Likewise, all seminarians and candidates for the diaconate go through extensive evaluation and psychological assessment before entering formation. After ordination, priests and deacons receive ongoing training on maintaining the integrity of the ministerial relationship.

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. **EVERY CATHOLIC WOMAN IS A MEMBER AND THERE ARE NO DUES.** The meeting will be held on **Friday, September 20, 2013** here at Transfiguration Catholic Church. The day begins at 9:30 AM and includes Deacon Greg Patterson as our speaker for the day, prayer service, lunch and concludes at 1:30 PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome to attend.

RCIA

Any adult interested in receiving the sacraments, baptism, first communion, and confirmation, should sign up with a representative after mass. Registration will start this weekend and continue during the month of September. RCIA classes will begin in October.

OUTSIDE MINISTRY

Faith, Hope and Charity Catholic Cancer Ministry Invites Everyone to COME PRAY TOGETHER AS ONE BODY "FOR CURES FOR CANCER"
at the **8th Annual "Pray for A Cure for Cancer Mass & Anointing of the Sick"**.

Saturday, October 5th at 12:30 PM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 West Temple, L.A. 90012.

Everyone is invited to come and pray for yourself, a loved one, or to add your voice in prayer for anyone suffering from cancer; **"FOR NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD"** (*Lk 1:37*), but we need to come together, believe and ask. If illness prevents you from attending this important Mass, please send your name to be put in our prayer petition book that will be presented for blessings and prayer during the Mass. For more information please contact Deacon Mark or Vickie Race at 310.259.6430 or email: pray4cure@gmail.com. Thank you for your caring and spreading the word. If you have any questions or would like more information about Faith, Hope & Charity Catholic Cancer Ministry, please don't hesitate to call us.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vydred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Louis Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, and Lilla Williams.

Readings for the week

Sunday	Ex 32:7-14, Ps 51:3-19, Lk 15:1-32
Monday	1 Tm 2:1-8, Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Tm 3:1-13, Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16, Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Tm 4:12-16, Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12, Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	Eph 4:1-13, Mt 9:9-13
Sunday	Am 8:4-7, Ps 113: 1-8, Lk 16:1-13

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, September 9, 2012	Sunday, September 8, 2013
\$3,935.25 Sacrificial Gift	\$6,962.61 Sacrificial Gift
328.24 Building Fund	575.52 Building Fund
187.56 "We Care"	328.87 "We Care"